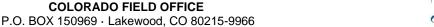
COLORADO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Harvest of several spring crops progressed well this past week with drier than normal conditions and warm temperatures, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The continued lack of moisture in areas is a concern for winter wheat planting and emergence, as well as range conditions. Western counties received some moisture mid-week; few isolated showers were seen east of the Front Range. Reporters in northeastern counties noted that sugarbeet harvest has been sluggish due to limited production capacity of a local factory as well as warm conditions not favorable for piling harvested beets. Overall, soil moisture supplies declined again this week. Stored feed supplies were rated 2 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 8 percent heavy, 68 percent average, and 24 percent light. Cattle death loss was 81 percent average and 19 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa	•			,
3 rd cutting	93	89	93	93
4 th cutting	49	39	36	40
Corn				
Mature	58	41	71	68
Harvested	9	5	10	13
Corn Silage				
Harvested	91	78	88	91
Dry beans				
Cut	79	58	78	83
Harvested	56	26	42	55
Onions				
Harvested	77	65	73	71
Potatoes Inside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	64	35	49	55
Potatoes Outside San Luis Valley				
Harvested	96	86	82	93
Sorghum				
Turning color	96	92	96	93
Mature	44	34	54	44
Harvested	6	2	10	7
Sugarbeets				
Harvested	8	3	34	22
Spring wheat				
Harvested	89	80	100	94
Winter wheat				
Planted	74	55	71	73
Emerged	40	20	32	35

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.8	6.6	6.3	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	8	8	15
Short	33	32	40	32
Adequate	57	58	52	51
Surplus	1	2		2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	7	9	27
Short	30	29	34	32
Adequate	61	63	57	40
Surplus	1	1		1

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa	<i>d</i> ,	4 /	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	4 /
Very poor				NA
Poor	2	2	5	NA
Fair	19	19	26	NA
Good	63	62	57	NA
Excellent	16	17	12	NA
Corn	10	1,		1,12
Very poor	1	1		12
Poor	3	3	3	9
Fair	22	23	25	26
Good	58	57	60	41
Excellent	16	16	12	12
Dry beans	10	10	12	12
Very poor				NA
Poor	2	2	1	NA
Fair	31	29	35	NA
Good	59	61	58	NA NA
Excellent	8	8	6	NA NA
Livestock	O			11//
Very poor				1
Poor			1	6
Fair	9	9	12	25
Good	78	78	75	58
Excellent	13	13	12	10
Pasture and range	13	13	12	10
•	3	3	1	21
Very poor Poor	<i>5</i> 6	6	16	21
	31	29		26
Fair	52		26	_
Good	8	54	48	27
Excellent	8	0	9	3
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				NT A
Very poor				NA NA
Poor	1.6	1.5	4	NA
Fair	16	15	16	NA
Good	66	67	56	NA
Excellent	18	18	24	NA
Sorghum				10
Very poor				19
Poor	5	5	10	18
Fair	30	30	28	37
Good	58	58	59	25
Excellent	7	7	3	1
Sugarbeets				
Very poor				
Poor	1	1	1	4
Fair	15	15	8	22
Good	70	69	74	58
Excellent	14	15	17	16
Sunflowers				
Very poor				14
Poor	3	3	8	15
Fair	26	26	30	29
Good	63	63	49	35
Excellent	8	8	13	7

NA – not available (--) – zero